

"Living in the Freedom of God." John 8:31-69

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

"Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!" 2 Corinthians 3:17

Sins of the flesh: "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19-21

Sins of the spirit: "There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community." Proverbs 6:16-19

What can Christians be bound by?

1. Our desire to please

"On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts." 1 Thessalonians 2:4

"Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

2. Our past

3. Our flesh

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:3, 4, 5

"The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace." Romans 8:6

4. Our worries

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And my God will meet all our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6, 19

5. Our insecurities

6. Our possessions

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

7. Our traditions

Principle: God will make you free from one thing – so that you can be free to something else.

How can you know if Satan is your father? Check out your desires, deceptions and destructions.

How to B.R.E.A.K. F.R.E.E.

B Begin today

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done!" Eccl. 11:4

R Refuse to blame others

"Some people ruin themselves by their own stupid actions and they blame the Lord." Prov. 19:3

E Examine your life

"Let us examine our ways and test them, and return to the Lord." Lam 3:40

"My dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration ... until I finally admitted my sins and stopped trying to hide them ... And God forgave me! All my guilt is gone!" Ps. 32:4-5

A Ask Christ to take over your life

"Don't let sin control your body any longer; don't give in to its sinful desires ... But give yourself completely to God -- every part of you -- to be used for His good purposes." Rom 6:12-13

K Keep away from temptation

"Don't give any chances to the flesh to have its fling." Rom. 13:14

F Focus on something better

"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts." Pr. 4:23

"Fill your mind with things that are good and deserve praise; things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable." Phil 4:8

R Restore broken relationships

"As far as your responsibility goes, live at peace with everyone." Rom. 12:18

E Enlist a support group

"Two are better off than one, because together ... if one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls ... there's no one to help him." Eccl. 4:9-10

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16

E Extend yourself to others

"Christ helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others in trouble, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God." 2 Cor. 1:4